

It's ridiculous that the FCC is trying to re-write the 1st amendment. Correction: The FCC is trying to eliminate the 1st amendment. Setting guidelines for acceptable language is understandable, but choosing what topics can be broadcast is just ridiculous.

The NAB has tried to distract their audience from satellite radio, claiming that satellite radio doesn't give a local focus. It was a good competitive approach. To be competitive, XM began to offer local traffic and weather. The NAB wants the FCC to take away this right. The NAB is pushing for unfair competition. Since XM pushes to stay competitive, the NAB wants to limit what XM can broadcast to keep regular radio ahead of the competition.

I understand that XM is giving regular radio much more competition than once expected. XM turned out to be superior competition, and therefore regular radio broadcasting companies want to fight dirty. To push for the FCC to intervene and limit the competitiveness of XM is unconstitutional. What could be grounds for the FCC to prevent XM radio from broadcasting weather and traffic? On top of this, the FCC shouldn't even have the right to choose whether or not XM can broadcast local traffic and weather.

Aside from everything else, XM makes most of its revenue from subscription charges. Radio broadcasting companies make plenty from selling airtime for advertisements, leaving them the ability to provide free radio. People pay to listen to XM, so they should have the right to hear anything they could on regular radio.

Competition is the American way. People deserve the right to choose whether they hear their local traffic and weather on XM or regular radio.